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Inventor..... Kishore M.N.
Applicant..... Microsoft Corporation
Group Art Unit2174
Examiner Le V Nguyen
Attorney's Docket No. MS1-0926US
Title: Cursor Tracking in a Multi-level GUI

STATEMENT FOR OATH OR DECLARATION**PER MPEP 605.04(b) AND 37 CFR 1.63(a)(2)****RE: INVENTOR NAMES AND USE OF INITIALS**

To: Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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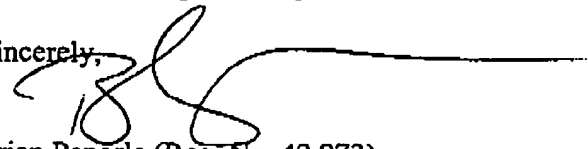
Sir/Madam:

Per a discussion with Examiner Nguyen on Friday, October 20, 2006, the USPTO objected to the use of initials in the name of an inventor on the oath/declaration for the above referenced application, which has been allowed.

Per MPEP 605.04(b), "Applicant may overcome this objection by filing a responsive statement that the singular letter(s) is/are the inventor's given name(s)".

Representative for Applicant hereby states, in good faith and to the best of his knowledge, that the name Kishore M.N. is the given name for this inventor of Hyderabad, India. Applicant submits that naming conventions that use initials exist in Asia and, in particular, India. For the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that the previously filed oath/declaration is proper.

Sincerely,


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